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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P.O. Box 94275, Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Application Notice  
Camerina D Zone, Reservoir D  
RICEVILLE FIELD  
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Murphy Exploration & Production Company ("Applicant") hereby makes application to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating the Camerina D Zone, Reservoir D, in the Riceville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Camerina D Zone, Reservoir D, in the Riceville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To provide that any future replacement or alternate unit wells drilled to the Camerina D Zone, Reservoir D, should be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
5. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Camerina D Zone, Reservoir D, in the Riceville Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana is hereby defined as being the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval encountered between the depths of 14,850 feet and 15,620 feet in the Sid Richardson Carbon Company - Mrs. Noelle H. Broussard No. 1 well located in Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled in the pre-application notice and a copy of the list of attendees is attached. The conference was opened by the undersigned who also explained the basis of the applicant's unit proposal. Mr. David Comeaux on behalf of Davis Petroleum Corporation presented a unit proposal

that introduced a fault gap along the north line of the unit and suggested that the sand definition be broadened to include the additional Camerina Sands anticipated to be encountered in the proposed well. Mr. Juan Diliberto representing the Zaunbrecher Trust made a unit proposal that extended the unit slightly farther south than the applicants proposed unit. As a result of discussions initiated at the pre-application conference, the represented parties present have resolved their differences. The resulting revised proposed unit encompasses a broader sand definition and recognizes the approximate fault gap between the proposed unit and the existing CAM D RC SUA to the North.

All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the Offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

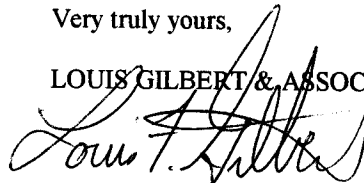
The Applicant will provide for posting a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and a copy of the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected by this application and will cause the publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of the Riceville Field. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof, a plat outlining the revised proposed unit and a list of names and addresses of the Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this notice is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of Parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. The aforementioned list is available upon request to any Interested Party. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is enclosed herewith on behalf of the Applicant a check made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.



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Interested Parties, Interested Owners  
and Represented Parties (w/plat)

